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Samuel Sinyangwe

c/o MuckRock News

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Re: Response to Samuel Sinyangwe's December 30, 2018 CPRA Request

Dear Mr Sinyangwe:

This is a response of the City of Irvine to your California Public Records Act ("CPRA") request made via email on December 29, 2018, and received by the City on December 30, 2018 (herein referred to as the "December 30, 2018 CPRA Request"), requesting the following information:

1. The total number of police use of force incidents, by type of force used, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
2. The total number of people that police used force against, between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
3. The total number of police use of force complaints reported between 2013-2017 (separated by year).
4. The total number of police use of force complaints sustained between 2013-2017 (separated by year).

Pursuant to the CPRA, the City is required to inform you whether it will comply with the request or whether the requested documents are subject to an exemption. Please accept this letter as the City's determination and response pursuant to Government Code section 6253, subdivision (c).

The City objects to your request on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous as to the meaning of the phrases "use of force," "use of force incidents," "used force," and "use of force complaints." The City is committed to meeting its obligation under the CPRA to respond to any records request "that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records" by making such records promptly available. (Gov. Code § 6253, subd. (b).) However, the City is unable to ascertain

the intended meaning of these terms and therefore requires clarification to determine what records and information therefrom may be responsive. The City is unable to respond fully without such clarification.

Subject to said objection, and without waiving any exemption or further objections that may apply to the records and information sought in your request, the City will provide you with copies of the City's reports to the Department of Justice regarding incidents described in Government Code Section 12525.2 for the requested time period, to the extent such reports exist. Upon review, if you seek additional information about "use of force", then please contact me at 949-724-7044 and I will help you more precisely describe the types of records you are seeking.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cathy Scherer
Lieutenant, Office of Professional Standards
Irvine Police Department